

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance are requested for claims 2-8 and 12-14 in view of the following remarks.

Status of the Application

Claims 2-8 and 12-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 10, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,450,275 to Gabriel (the "Gabriel patent"). Claims 2-8 and 12-14 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims 1 and 11. Claim 9 was previously canceled. Claims 1, 10, and 11 have been canceled. Claims 2, 8, and 12-14 have been amended.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1, 10, and 11 is moot in light of those claims being cancelled.

Claims 2-8 and 12-14

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter for claims 2-8 and 12-14. In response, claims 2, 8, and 12-14 have been amended. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

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If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056205.58068US).

Respectfully submitted,

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